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DNR Reports

The Atlas is finally at the publishers! Hopefully by this time next year it will be sitting on your and my bookshelves. The "Breeding Bird Atlas of Maryland and the District of Columbia" will be the most comprehensive book available on our breeding birds. Not only will it provide a distribution map showing the results of the intensive field surveys, it summarizes the breeding biology and recent ornithological history of all 200 of our breeding species. It will be a must for the serious Maryland birder.

This book is the culmination of 10 years of effort. Conceived by MOS in 1982, the Atlas promised to be the most intensive statewide breeding bird study ever attempted. Because of the tremendous potential this effort had, DNR became a cooperating partner early in the planning phase. This was our opportunity to establish a real working relationship with MOS and I can now say that it was worth the commitment.

Early on, we provided technical assistance in planning such an enormous effort. Gary Taylor, my predecessor, was appointed to the original Advisory and Planning Board and was thus in a position to nurture our relationship. We provided necessary materials, such as topo maps, to the project. DNR lands were made accessible to Atlas field workers. Free camping at state parks were made available. We provided boats to Atlas crews for work in remote locations. And DNR provided data from ongoing surveys we were already conducting.

A number of DNR Wildlife Division employees were involved at various stages in the effort. Our technicians poured through survey data for nest records of grouse, turkeys, woodcock, quail, bald eagles, and peregrine falcons. Data from our colonial waterbird project were provided. One of our biologists, Tom Mathews, served as the Allegany County Coordinator for a time. DNR biologists wrote or coauthored 39 accounts (20%) for the book. At one time or another Mark Hoffman, Ann Rasberry and myself, in addition to Gary Taylor, served as board members and were involved in all the various functions of the board.

Serving as a board member was, for me, a rewarding experience. The dedication and commitment of the board members was testimony to the quality of people serving MOS. I have never been associated with a harder working, more committed group of individuals. Their thousands of hours of hard work are reflexed in the book. Not always did we see eye to eye or agree on everything, but we always listened to everyone's view and tried to do what was right for the project. I think we were successful.

The biggest service DNR provided to the effort was providing computer support. We volunteered our computer facilities to serve as the central database of the Atlas. From the very first year of data collection, we developed the programs to enter and manipulate the data, our data device operators

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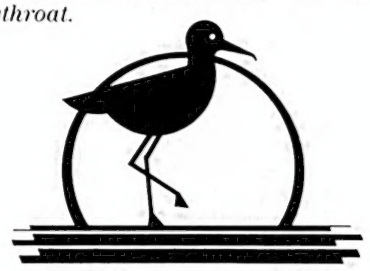
Frostburg in the Spring

Mark your callendar for the 1993 conference at Frostburg on June 4-6. Come see western Maryland's specialties; golden-winged and other mountain warblers in full breeding plumage, alder and least flycatchers, black-capped chickadees, golden-crowned kinglets on the nest, veeries and hermit thrushes, Henslow's sparrows, ravens, upland sandpipers; and hear saw-whet owls. New this year: a photography contest with nifty prizes. Both slides and prints can be entered. Dust off your best bird photos, and look for details in the next *Yellowthroat.*



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entered all the field summaries, we edited the data, and provided computer printouts of the results each year. In addition, we produced the species distribution maps that will appear in the book on our system. This latter effort took an enormous amount of time, mainly that of Ann Rasberry (our GIS specialist); much more time than we had envisioned. We were late in completing map production and for this I apologize, but we did it at no expense to MOS.

Over the life of the project, DNR expended over $150,000 in support to the Atlas. Salaried time of employees working on the project totaled $65,340. Computer time cost us $8,496. DNR also paid $84,334 of the Project Coordinator's salary over a 6-year period. Not counting our employees salaries, DNR provided the primary financial support for the Atlas. And it was worth our investment!

To all of you who birded in the field to collect the data, the County Coordinators, the authors of the species accounts, those that assisted in collecting information for species accounts, those who assisted in other ways and especially the board members THANK YOU!

Glenn Therres

MOS Board Meeting October 24, 1992

President William Newman called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., Cylburn Mansion, Baltimore.

The Board minutes of August 15, 1992, were unanimously accepted.

In response to a request by President Newman, the Anne Arundel Chapter offered to host the board meeting scheduled for January 16, 1993, and the Carroll County offered to host the meeting on March 20, 1993.

President Newman reminded the attendees that the 1993 MOS Conference was scheduled for June 4-6, 1993, in Frostburg, MD.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Larry Fry distributed a financial report for the period May 1 - October 18, 1992. The Audubon Society returned $450.00 for an unused scholarship. There was a memorial contribution from Caroline County to the scholarship fund.

Mr. DuBois has reissued his challenge to the MOS on behalf of the rainforest. The rainforest Challenge account contains $1798.31. The money from the 1991 Challenge Grant was used to purchase 50 acres in Belize.

There are three new funds: Youth Education Fund, 1995 Conference, and Yellowbook Revision.

Mr. Fry reported that the investment funds have almost $110,000.

Mr. Fry requested a corporate resolution for President Newman and himself so they may put their names on the accounts. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fry had copies of the Maryland Tax Exemption Certificates for anyone wishing a copy. In addition, Mr. Fry distributed a memo explaining the options for reporting sales tax from the 1993 Department of Natural Resources calendars.

Vice President's Report - No report.

Executive Secretary's Report - Ms. Aso requested any update to the Board list. Revised Bylaws will be distributed along with the minutes of this meeting. Stationery is available. And, checklists and yellowbooks are available for purchase. Mr. DuBois has once more challenged the MOS on behalf of

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the rainforests; the terms are the same as in previous years - $1,000.00 if MOS raises $1,500.00.

Budget Committee - No report. However, Ms. Joyce requested two volunteers to serve on the committee. The committee usually meets twice a year, January and February. The Vice President and Treasurer, by virtue of their office, are automatically members of the committee.

Long Range Planning Committee - no report.

Research Committee - no report.

Sanctuary Committee - Ms. Mumford requested an update from each chapter on their representative to the Sanctuary Committee. tum Suden will be given to the Harford Public School when Eirik Blom leaves. tum Suden will require some work before it is given to the school.

The Irish Grove work day is scheduled for Nov. 7th. All persons are welcome and needed. One hundred forty acres have been added to Irish Grove through a grant from the Eastern Shore Conservancy. It is a nice addition but it is not easily accessible.

Ms. Lawler reported that reservations for Irish Grove may be made through Shirley Taylor, (410) 546-4717.

Nominating Committee - Ms. Ricciardi presented the nominees for the Committee: Maggie Duncan (Kent) will replace Carolyn Mills (Talbot) who is resigning, Ann Mitchell (Washington), and Gary Nelson (Montgomery). The nominations were moved, seconded, and accepted.

Atlas Committee - Mr. Malcolm reported that everything is completed except the maps. Mr. Robbins stated that the maps were supposed to be completed by October 15th; he will talk to Glenn Therres on Monday.

Publication Committee - Mr. Robbins reported that one *Maryland Birdlife* is currently at the printers. Two short ones will be sent in the next couple of months. Mr. Robbins called for more articles. In response to a question, Mr. Robbins responded that the research papers presented at the conferences can be included in *Maryland Birdlife*. In fact, one is scheduled for inclusion; however, it is difficult to get the researcher to write something.

Old Business

The revised MOS brochure is forthcoming. Mr. Malcolm stated that the draft distributed at the last board meeting looked good and appeared to be coming along. The concensus of the members present that it would be nice to have copies for the Audubon Naturalist Fair in December.

New Business

There was discussion on scheduling the board meeting at the annual conference to

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The Check-off Works.

Help Our Wildlife - Back Our Bay

☑ Eagle habitat is being protected.

☑ Delmarva Fox Squirrels are being saved.

☑ Children are being educated.

☑ Birds are being banded.

☑ Marshes are being restored.

☑ Trees are being planted.

Please Give.

Thank you!

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some time other than after the general meeting. Mr. Newman responded that for the next conference a new procedure will be worked out.

Ms. Lawler stated that photographs were available for anyone wishing to see them.

Books willed to the Anne Arundel Chapter were given to the Cylburn Library.

Ms. Fry asked if there were funds available to pursue publishing a checklist for Harford and Cecil Counties similar to the checklist available for the 1992 Conference in Salisbury; these could be used for the 1994 conference. Ms. Joyce stated that such a list would be useful to everyone and suggested that it may be a proposal for the Research Committee. Mr. Newman suggested that Ms. Fry write a proposal and submit it to him. The Anne Arundel Chapter is also working on a checklist.

Bylaws Committee - No report. However, Mr. McIntosh requested volunteers for the committee. (Note: Later, Mr. McIntosh informed the acting secretary that Ms. Lola Oberman, Montgomery County Chapter, and Mr. Todd Holden, Harford County Chapter, responded to his request and are new members of the Bylaws Committee).

Scholarship Committee - Ms. Gebhard was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a written report. In mid-November, she will be sending out scholarship information if she receives the brochures. Ms. Gebhard expressed concern that last year five of the seven applications were from Harford County. She requested more applications from other chapters.

Conference Committee - Mr. Rineer stated that the 1993 Conference will be June 4-6, 1992, in Frostburg, MD; a conference coordinator is needed.

Mr. Rineer also reported on future conferences:

1994 - Northeast, MD, May 20-22, 1994
1995 - Mount St. Mary's in Emmittsburg
1996 - Southern Maryland or Baltimore

Conservation Committee - Mr. Dolesh was unable to attend but provided a written report. Mr. Dolesh has not had a report on the September 30th public hearing on the 4th Street sandbars in Ocean City. Approval for Program Open Space purchasing of 11 projects was delayed.

Mr. Dolesh requested the name of the conservation chairperson from each chapter.

Ms. Wheeler stated that in the August minutes, Black Marsh was reported as being finished; it is not. The coalition is raising money to take the Critical Areas Commission to court. Mr. Palmer stated that the lawyers feel that people should write to their state representatives citing that during these times a natural park is more economically sound

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instead of spending $6 million to build a park.

Education Committee - Mr. Newman requested the board for nominations to fill the chair for this committee.

Gifts Committee - no report.

Investment Committee - Mr. Barber distributed a proposal for changing the allocation of stocks, bonds, and cash: 50% for stocks for growth, 30-35% for bonds, and 15-20% in cash. This would be a long term program that would take about 6 months to implement. Mr. Barber requested comments on the proposal.

Library Committee - Ms. Wheeler invited the board to see the library after the meeting: exchange journals, collection of Maryland Birdlife, and other items in the collection. Mr. Wheeler also invited the members to visit the John W. Garrett Library, Evergreen House, where rare ornithological books are on display.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectively submitted,
Jay Aso, Acting Secretary

"MOS License Tags"

Perhaps on one of your recent excursions, you drove to a favorite birding spot and noticed a vehicle with a truly distinctive Maryland license plate — the MOS tag. About 60 MOS members around the state are sporting MOS license plates, and so can you. MOS license tags are a great way to show your support for the society and to promote our name around the state.

To obtain an MOS license tag fairly simply and quickly, get a pre-signed organizational tag application from your chapter presidents or you can write: Rich Dolesh, 17800 Croom Road, Brandywine, MD 20613 for an application. Please note the applications must be countersigned by an authorized MOS representative (Bill Newman, Al Haury or Rich Dolesh). Then submit the pre-signed application with a one-time only $11.00 fee directly to the Motor Vehicle Administration at 6601 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, MD 21062. Your numbered MOS tag will be in the mail to you surprisingly promptly, and you will soon be motoring with MOS.

If you have not bought a Chesapeake Bay tag yet, consider the MOS tag. Remember, anyone can get a Chesapeake Bay tag, but only MOS members can show their true colors on their license plates.

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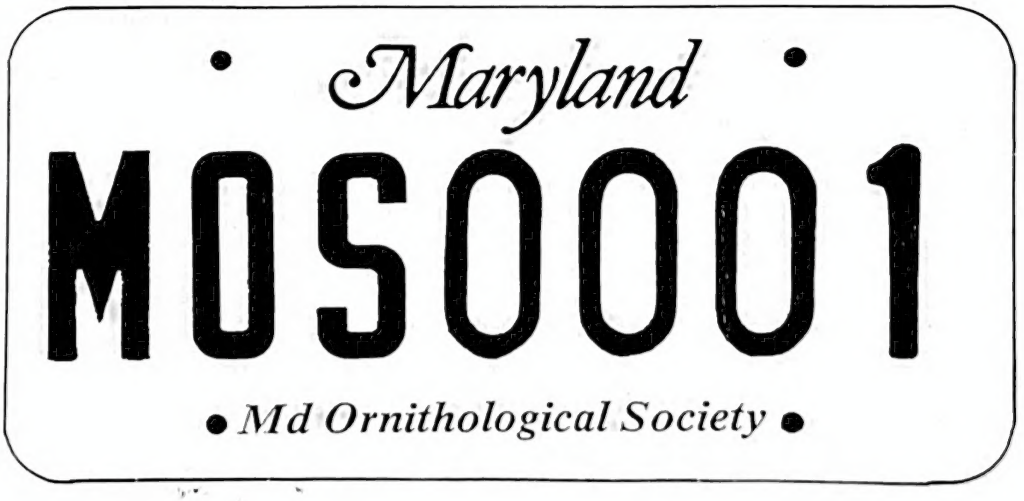

MOS Calendar - February / March 1993

Tuesday, February 2

MEETING. Baltimore. "Gulls," by Jim Stasz. For further information contact Pete Webb, 410-486-1217.

Friday, February 5

MEETING. Anne Arundel. "Mountains to Marshes: The Nature Conservancy in Maryland," by Wayne Klockner. 8 p.m. at Severn River Junior High School.

Saturday, February 6

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Bradenbaugh Flats. Horned Lark, White-crowned Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, and Snow Bunting possible. Begins 8 a.m. at the Bethel Church parking lot located on MD 23, 1/4 mile west of Madonna Road. Leader is Dennis Kirkwood, 410-692-5905.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Coastal Delaware. Beginners trip (everyone welcome) for winter birds, loons, sea ducks, etc. The leader is John Bjerke, 301-963-8525.

Sunday, February 7

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Conowingo Dam. Thousands of gulls, possibly some rarities. Also waterfowl and raptors, including Bald Eagle with Golden Eagle a possibility. Meet 7:30 a.m. at White Marsh Mall. The leader is Pete Webb, 410-486-1217.

Thursday, February 11

MEETING. Montgomery. "Endangered and Threatened Birds," by Tony White. 8 p.m. at the Potomac Presbyterian Church in Potomac.

Saturday-Monday, February 13-15

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. 21st Annual Winter Weekend. Winter birding along the New Jersey and Delaware coasts. Make reservations with the leader by February 10. The leader is Peter Hanan, 410-721-2658 or 301-858-1633.

Wednesday, February 17

MEETING. Allegany. "Birds and Habitat of Argentina," by Gwen Brewer, Ornithologist from Frostburg State University. 7 p.m. at the Board of Education Bldg., Cumberland.

Friday-Sunday, February 19-21

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Presidents Birthday Coastal Trip. Joint trip with Audubon Naturalist Society. For further information contact the leader, Paul Dumont, at 703-931-8994.

Saturday, February 20

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Blackwater NWR. Possible sightings include waterfowl, Golden and Bald Eagle, and Brown-headed Nuthatch. All-day; bring lunch. Meet at US 40 Ames between Aberdeen and Havre de Grace at 6:30 a.m.. Leader is Les Eastman, 410-734-6969.

Monday, February 22

MEETING. Wicomico. Amateur Night — share some birding knowledge with club members. For further information contact Linda Cashman, 410-749-2804.

Saturday, February 27

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Greenberry Point. Winter birding at a local Anne Arundel County area. Meet 7:30 a.m. at the Annapolis Mall Park & Ride. The leader is Al Haury, 410-757-3523.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Cape Henlopen, DE, to Ocean City, MD. Snow buntings, loons, great cormorants, possible eiders and harlequin ducks. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Cape Henlopen Park HQ. For further information, contact the leader, Henry Bielstein, at 301-292-9592.

FIELD TRIP. Wicomico. Blackwater NWR & Cambridge. The leader is Betty Pitney, 401-543-1853. For further information contact Linda Cashman, 410-749-2804.

Friday, March 5

MEETING. Anne Arundel. "Restoration of the Trumpeter Swan to its Former Range in the East," by Dr. William Sladen. 8 p.m. at Severn River Junior High School.

MEETING. Harford. Guest speaker TBA. Begins 6:15 p.m. at Churchville Presbyterian Church, intersection of MD 22 and MD 136. Information—Jean Fry, 410-452-8539.

MEETING. Baltimore. "Birding Panama," by Mark Letzer. For further information contact Pete Webb, 410-486-1217.

Saturday, March 6

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Nature Conservancy Trip. A trip to a local property owned and managed by TNC. Meet 7:30 a.m. at the Annapolis Mall Park & Ride. The leader is Wayne Klockner, 301-654-1595.

FIELD TRIP. Harford. Middle Creek WMA. All-day trip for waterfowl and possible Long-eared Owls. Meet 7 a.m. at Conowingo Pool on U.S. 1, 1/4 mile west of the dam. Bring lunch. Leaders are Jim Wiley, 410-879-2732, and Bill Pfingsten, 410-838-5732.

Saturday, March 13

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Smithsonian E.R. Center. Waterfowl and early migrants. Meet 7:30 a.m. at the Annapolis Mall Park & Ride. The leader is Barbara Ricciardi, 301-464-1962.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Jug Bay on Patuxent River. Waterfowl in river marsh habitat; winter landbirds, early migrants. Meet 8:00 a.m. at park HQ. For further information, contact the leader, John Bjerke, at 301-963-8525.

Sunday, March 14

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Loch Raven. For further information contact Pete Webb, 410-486-1217.

Wednesday, March 17

MEETING. Allegany. Program TBA. 7 p.m. at the Board of Education Bldg., Cumberland.

Friday, March 19

MEETING. Montgomery. Annual Social and Election of Officers. Further information forthcoming in the newsletter.

Saturday, March 20

FIELD TRIP. Anne Arundel. Huntley Meadows Park, VA. Land and water birds. Meet 7:30 a.m. at the Annapolis Mall Park & Ride. The leader is Wafi Rains, 301-261-7825.

Monday, March 22

MEETING. Wicomico. "Birds of the Great Basin Desert," by Dr. Robert Trever. Annual dinner, Wicomico Presbyterian Church, 6 p.m. For further information contact Linda Cashman, 410-749-2804.

Saturday, March 27

FIELD TRIP. Allegany. Garrett County Ponds. Meet 8 a.m. at the Parkside School.

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Eastern Shore. For further information contact Pete Webb, 410-486-1217.

FIELD TRIP. Montgomery. Lilypons Area. Late waterfowl, winter birds, early spring migrants. Meet 8:00 a.m. at bridge on Lilypons Road. The leaders are Michael O'Brien, 301-424-6491, and Robert Hilton, 301-270-1740.

FIELD TRIP. Wicomico. Salisbury Area. The leader is Ellen Lawler. For further information contact Linda Cashman, 410-749-2804.

Sunday, March 28

FIELD TRIP. Baltimore. Piney Run. For further information contact Pete Webb, 410-486-1217.

Make a Difference: Restore a Dune

Join a team of beachgrass planters to protect the natural habitat at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. The Committee To Preserve Assateague Island, a non-profit group, is seeking volunteers to join daily and weekend teams from mid-January through March 1993 to restore a dune that protects the home of the famous Chincoteague Ponies, two endangered species and habitat for millions of shorebirds, waders and waterfowl.

Volunteers will be led by coastal restoration experts to anchor the dune with sprigs of American beachgrass. As the beachgrass grows, it weaves a fabric of roots beneath the sand and anchors the dune during storms while protecting the rich diversity of habitat at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

As a member of the dune restoration team, you will learn first hand about natural habitat restoration, experience the beauty of the winter coast, and discuss barrier island ecology. Volunteers must be prepared for harsh winter conditions and four to eight hours of teamwork. If you are interested, please call (410) 821-0305 or write: Committee to Preserve Assateague Island, 105 W. Chesapeake Ave., Suite 413, Towson, MD 21204.

Volunteer Opportunities

Dear MOS Member,

The American Birding Association devoted its December 1992 newsletter, *Winging It*, to 1993 volunteer opportunities for birders with the US Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and the US and Canadian Fish and Wildlife Services. The special issue lists approximately 285 projects, including raptor, waterfowl, neotropical migrant, and single-species surveys (e.g. Marbled Murrelet, Northern Goshawk, Clapper Rail, and Pileated and Three-toed Woodpeckers); checklist and interpretive display development; photographic file creation; and nest box building, repair, and replacement (see enclosed).

Given the diversity of projects, anyone interested in applying their birding, photographic, or construction skills to worthwhile conservation efforts while gaining valuable field experience should be able to find a project that meets their interests, skill level, and availability. Not every project requires a super birder!

At a time of heightened awareness of the need to preserve our avifauna and of limited government funding for such projects, birders have an opportunity to contribute to very worthwhile and critical projects. Some projects do have some funds available to reimburse the volunteer for various out-of-pocket expenses, and, perhaps, pay a small per diem.

This volunteer directory is part of a partnership effort between the American Birding Association and various government agencies to increase birders' use and enjoyment of the lands managed by those agencies as well as to contribute to their fish and wildlife conservation efforts.

You may obtain this volunteer directory by sending $2.00 to cover printing and mailing costs to Volunteer Directory, American Birding Association, P.O. Box 6599, Colorado Springs, CO 80934.

If you have any questions, please call Virginia Maynard at 800-835-2473.

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